

What's New in the MPDC

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CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY? ATTEND THE MAYOR'S CRIME FORUM ON JANUARY 25

Having identified public safety as one of the top three top priorities for his second term, Mayor Williams will host a forum on crime and crime prevention on Saturday, January 25, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, at Eastern Senior High School. The Forum is designed for residents, police and other city agency representatives to come together to discuss crime problems affecting DC and to develop new partnerships for solving those problems. "Although crime has been reduced across the District, there is still cause for concern. We need to address this critical problem by getting everyone in the community involved—as a community, working together, we can make a difference," said the Mayor. The forum will include a number of interactive workshops in which citizens,

If you want to learn more about MPDC's community policing strategy, called "Policing for Prevention," visit:
mpdc.dc.gov/pfp/pfp.shtm

city officials and crime experts will discuss topics such as crime prevention, drug crime, homicide, victims' issues, offender re-entry, and prostitution and quality-of-life issues. Each 50-minute session will be repeated so that participants can attend more than one session. In addition, commanders and other representatives from each of the seven police districts will be on hand to discuss crime issues and community

policing efforts in their areas. And participants will be able to get information about crime prevention programs, services and resources at that Forum's "Crime Prevention Marketplace." The Forum is free and open to the public. For more details, call (202) 442-8150 or go to:

dc.gov/mayor/news/advisory.asp?id=375&mon=200301

CEREMONY HONORS MPDC OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Each month, the Hotel Association of Washington DC hosts an awards ceremony to honor out standing police service to the community. Called CHAMPS (Capital Hotels Award Metropolitan Police Service), the ceremonies recognize officers such as Clayton Smith, one of this month's honorees. A member of the Fourth District Focused Mission Team, Smith and other FMT members approached several individuals in the 700 block of Hobart Place, NW, a known drug location. As the officers approached, some of the subjects began fleeing on foot. Officer Smith gave chase to one of the subjects, following him to Sherman Avenue and Columbia Road. Along the way, the subject attempted to jump into a passing vehicle and then drew a Tec-22 automatic weapon, tossing it to the ground. Showing tremendous diligence and restraint, Officer Smith was able to apprehend and arrest the suspect without having to use his service weapon – even after the subject drew his. In addition to the loaded weapon, nine grams of cocaine were recovered from the suspect. Smith was one of eight officers – including fellow 4D Officer Kwok Lee – who were recognized at the January CHAMPS ceremony, held at the Marriott Wardman Hotel. Read about the heroics of all of this month's award winners at:

mpdc.dc.gov/about/heroes/champs/2003/01.shtm

POLICE OFFICER APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED ONLINE

Applying to become a Metropolitan Police officer has never been easier or more convenient. This MPDC this past week launched a new feature on its website that allows applicants to complete an application online and to submit it electronically to the Department's Human Services Division. In the past, applicants could complete the forms online, but had to print and mail or fax them. Now, the applications are submitted directly to Human Services, which can then begin processing the applications more quickly. For applications who prefer to complete the forms traditionally, they can still be downloaded and printed from the MPDC website. In addition to the application itself, the website includes detailed information about the application process, minimum requirements to be an officer, salary, benefits and much more. To learn more about careers with MPDC, and to start the application process today, click on:

Even with the increased enforcement activity, auto theft in DC has risen sharply the last two years. Learn what you can do to help prevent auto theft, including signing up for the "Watch Your Car" program, by going to:

mpdc.dc.gov (Click on Traffic Safety)

mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/officer.shtm

LATEST PHOTO RADAR RESULTS SHOW CONTINUED REDUCTION IN SPEEDING IN DC

Now in its second year of operation, the MPDC's Photo Radar Speeding Reduction Program continues to dramatically reduce the number of aggressive speeders on DC's roads and highways. In fact, between July 2001, when the program began, and December 2002, the percentage of motorists speeding aggressively in photo radar enforcement zones has declined by more than two-thirds. In December 2002, just 8.5 percent of the more than 558,000 vehicles monitored by photo radar were exceeding the speeding threshold for the program. By contrast, 17.1 percent of the motorists in December 2001 – and nearly 31 percent of the vehicles monitored in July 2001 – were speeding aggressively. In addition to fewer aggressive speeders, the program has helped to reduce overall speeds on DC roads and highways. In 25-mph zones monitored by photo radar, the average speed of all vehicles fell from 35.5 mph in July 2001 to 29.7 mph in December 2001 and 27.5 mph in December 2002. To date, more than 450,000 automated notices of infraction for speeding have been mailed and nearly 308,000 have been paid, resulting in \$22.7 million in fines collected. For complete information about photo radar in DC – including statistical results and the locations of photo radar enforcement zones – go to:

mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/speed.shtm

NEWS & NOTES

- MPDC at NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo. Crime prevention specialists from the MPDC will be passing out safety tips and literature at this weekend's NBC4 10th Annual Health and Fitness Expo, at the Washington Convention Center. For details: **mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News Room)**
- Martin Luther King Day Schedule: Most MPDC administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. Neighborhood patrols, district stations, emergency communications and other essential services will be fully staffed.

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov.

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